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A Letter to His Majesty from His Privy Council of *Scotland.*

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

THE *remembrance of having been under the Protection of your Royal Family above two Thousand years, of having been preserved, by their Valour, from the Slavery to which others were so often reduced, and of having received from their Bounty the Lands we Possess, hath been very much refreshed and renewed by having your Royal Brother among us, in whom we have seen that Moderation of Spirit and equality of Justice that is so remarkable in your Sacred Race, and has raised in us a just abhorrence of those seditious Persons and pernicious Principles, which would lead us back into those dreadful Confusions, which grew up by degrees from Tumultuary Petitions for Reformation and Parliament, to a Rebellion that in the last age destroyed both, and which must do so still, since all who think that Subjects shou'd direct their King, design nothing in effect but to be Kings themselves; the convictions of all which did prevail so far with all degrees of persons, and with persons of all Perswasions here, that it has been easily observed that our Nobility and Gentry of both Sexes attended their Royal Highnesses with much joy and assiduity, expressing in all their Confluences great respect and satisfaction, that even the most malicious abstained from all manner of Rebellious Risings or undutiful Speeches: No Breach of the Peace, no Libel, no Pasquil, having been ever discovered during his abode here; so that this too short time has been the most Peaceable and Serene part of our life, and the happiest days we ever saw, except your Majesties miraculous Restitution. And now that your Majesty has thought fit to have him near your own Person, we hope that the great Success he has had in understanding both men and business among us, by his easie access and constant application, will enable him to inform your Majesty of our Affairs and Interests with which we trust him much more than we can this or any other Papers that we can send You: His Countenance has much encouraged the Orthodox Clergy without being grievous to such other Protestants as differ from them: He has quieted our* Highland *Eruptions, without encouraging any opposition to Law, of which he told us he would be always most exactly careful, as being the common Tye as well as security of King and People, and he has both by his Example and Discourse recommended so to us Loyalty to your Majesty as our only National Interest, and Moderation to one another, as the only mean to fortify and unite us against the undermining designs of such as would infallibly make us Slaves, as they did formerly; that we hope these Impressions shall not wear out whilest we live, who have been so happy as to know him at this time, and for which happiness we can make your Majesty no other Return, save to assure you, That with our Hearts, our Lives, and our Fortunes, we will maintain your Sacred Majesty, and your Royal Successors in the ordinary degrees of Succession according to their unalterable Right of Blood, which you and they derive only from God Almighty, whom you represent, and to wish that his Royal Highness may meet every where that Satisfaction and Tranquility that he has occasioned, and that Kindness and Affection which his merit has raised in*

Edenburg, Feb. 17. 1680.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

Your most Loyal, most Dutiful, and most Faithful Subjects and Servants

The Earl of *Rothes* Lord Chancellor, the Lord Archbishop of *St. Andrews*, the Marquis of *Athol*, Lord Privy Seal, The Marquis of *Douglas*, the Earl of *Argile*, the Earl Marshal, the Earl of *Murray*, the Earl of *Linlithgow*, the Earl of *Wigtoun*, the Earl of *Queensberry*, the Earl of *Airly*, the Earl of *Dundonald*, the Earl of *Caithnes*, the Lord Bishop of *Edenburg*, the Lord President of the Session, the Lord Treasurer Depute, the Lord Register, the Lord Advocate, the Lord Justice *Clerk*, the Lord *Collintoun*, *John Drummond* of *Lundin*, the Lord Justice General. Sir *Andrew Ramsay*, Sir *John Wauchop*, Sir *George Kinnaird*, Sir *George Gordon*

A Letter to His Grace the Duke of *Lauderdale.*

May it please your Grace,

WHat is written in the Letter sent to His Majesty at this time, is the common Sentiments of all who had the happiness to know His Royal Highness here, and is so deeply fixed upon all our Spirits, that all our publick Judicatures and private Families are at this time expressing more kindness for his Person, and grief for his so suddain leaving us, than can be transmitted by Paper; each of us remember some Virtue which the other had omitted, and some kind expressions that the other had not formerly heard: and all of us are so just as to bind our selves by Resolutions and Promises to serve him with all our hearts in all his just Interests, and are convinced that he will have no designs that are not such. By assuring His Sacred Majesty our Excellent Monarch, of our adherence to His Royal Interests, and His Royal Brother his just Rights, your Grace will put a new and great Obligation upon us. Signed in Name, and by Warrant of His Majesties Privy Council, by

Your Graces most humble Servant

Edenburg, Feb. 17. 1680. *ROTHES*, Cancel.

In Præsentia Dominorum Concilii.

Brussels, Feb. 28. Yesterday the French took Possession of *Charlemont*, the Spanish Garison that was there marching to *Namur*, whither likewise the Artillery and Ammuniti n that was in that place is removed. The Duke of *Norfolk* is going to marry his Daughter to the Marquis *de Va'pa-*